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For : DIAPHRAGM CONTROL APPARATUS FOR LENS OF CCTV CAMERA

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a U.K. Search Report, performed on April 30, 2001 and mailed on May 2, 2001, for counterpart U.K. Patent Application No. GB 0029557.6, to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 4,651,216 to ARAI et al., which issued on March 17, 1987, was cited as an A-category document (i.e., document indicating technological background and/or state of the art). The Examiner indicated column 1, lines 38-51 to be relevant; and

U.S. Patent No. 4,562,477 to OGASAWARA et al., which issued on December 31, 1985, was cited as an A-category document. The Examiner indicated column 1, lines 50-62 to be relevant.

Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the U.K. Search Report are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

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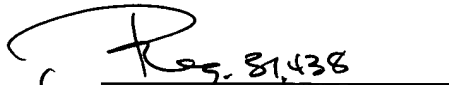
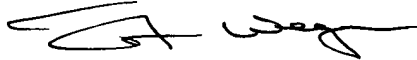
Further, the above-mentioned documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed documents and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the attached PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing in the mail with this filing, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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